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Life of Charles Carroll of Carrollton. By Lewis A. Leonard. (New York: Moffat Yard and company, 1918. 313 p. \$2.50 net)

The best chapters in this volume are those which deal with Carroll as a staunch supporter of Washington during the war of independence, as the adviser of Franklin in the matter of effecting an alliance with France, and as the dominating force in promoting the cause of the revolution in Maryland. The author cites opinions that but for Carroll Washington would have been removed from the post of commander-in-chief. He tells how Carroll, a Catholic and acquainted with Frenchmen of influence, was qualified to prepare Franklin for his mission to France, and adds: "Dr. Franklin did the work . . . on lines laid out by Carroll and supported by Washington." As the political leader of Maryland Carroll seems to have sided with the radicals in the first continental congress in support of the Massachusetts idea and subsequently he was chiefly instrumental in securing the passage by the Maryland convention of a resolution favoring a declaration of independence.

Few of the author's more important theses, however, are well supported by concrete facts and the value of the volume is further impaired by excessive eulogy and by comparisons in which one of the objects is well known and much liked while the other is little known but much disliked. The character of the author's knowledge and views of colonial Maryland may be seen from a few of his sentences: "It was the fascination of this government as well as its liberality that caused settlers from all directions to flock to the province" (p. 25). "He [the lord proprietor] . . . was the source of all power, and the maker of all laws. No one, not even the King had to be consulted in the management of the Province and its people" (p. 25). "He [the lord proprietor] was always diplomatic and frequently had his own way by seeming to let the Council and Assembly have theirs" (p. 35). "Just as you trace the Puritan strain in New England, the Huguenot in New York, the Quaker element in Pennsylvania, the Cavalier tone in Virginia and the Carolinas, so you find the ideals and traditions of the Irish predominating in old Maryland. And these traditions were of the most lofty that human nature, as then developed, was capable of enjoying" (p. 30).

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Pictures of Illinois one hundred years ago. Edited by Milo Milton Quaife, superintendent of the State historical society of Wisconsin. (Chicago: R. R. Donnelley and sons company, 1918. 186 p.)

The centennial year offered a fitting occasion for the Lakeside press in its annual volume to offer this group of accounts descriptive of Illinois when it came into statehood. For the purpose the editor, Mr.